

REMARKS / DISCUSSION OF ISSUES

Claims 1-15 and 19-21 are pending in the application and are allowed. The Office action states that prosecution for on the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *ex parte Quayle*.

Applicant(s) thank(s) the Examiner for acknowledging the claim for priority and receipt of certified copies of all the priority document(s), and for stating, and for stating that the drawings are acceptable.

The restriction requirement given in the Office action of 10 July 2007 is withdrawn by the Examiner.

The Office action objects to the disclosure for an informality in the specification. The specification is amended to correct the formality. Accordingly, withdrawal of the objection to the disclosure is respectfully requested.

The Examiner states that the application is now in condition for allowance except for the presence of claims 16 and 17 that were non-elected in response to a previous restriction requirement. Claims 16 and 17 are canceled herein without prejudice or disclaimer of their subject matter. Applicant(s) reserve(s) the right to prosecute the subject matter of the non-elected claim(s) in a divisional or other continuing application.

All outstanding issues having been resolved, applicant(s) respectfully request(s) that the Examiner find the application in condition for allowance. If any points remain in issue that may best be resolved through a personal or telephonic interview, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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